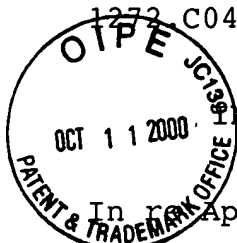


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is  
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form  
PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above  
information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of  
the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such  
information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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